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### **Idaho Alfalfa Seed Production Declines, Clover Seed Increases**

Producers in Idaho harvested 16,000 acres of alfalfa seed in 2005, down 27 percent from the 22,000 acres harvested in 2004, but 7 percent above the 15,000 acres harvested in 2003. Average yield, on a clean basis, was 680 pounds per harvested acre in 2005, up 10 pounds from the previous year. Production for 2005 totaled 10.9 million pounds, 26 percent below the 2004 crop, but up 10 percent from 2003. The average price received by growers for the 2005 crop rose \$6 per hundredweight from the previous year to \$123 per hundredweight, resulting in a farm level value of production of \$13.4 million.

Harvested acreage of red clover seed in Idaho totaled 1,700 acres during 2005, up 6 percent from 2004 and 42 percent above 2003. Average clean yield was 510 pounds per acre, up 100 pounds per acre from the previous year. Production for 2005 totaled 867,000 pounds, up 32 percent from 2004 and 29 percent above 2003. The average price received by growers for the 2005 crop was \$107 per hundredweight, \$5 per hundredweight more than 2004. This resulted in a farm level value of production of \$928,000. This survey was completed in cooperation with the Idaho Alfalfa and Clover Seed Commission.

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